

FREEDMAN et al  
Appl. No. 09/437,450  
January 12, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

The Examiner's objection to the drawings is noted but not understood. The undersigned's file copies of Figs. 1 and 3 of the formal drawings submitted March 15, 2004 are not dark. A further set of formal drawings is being submitted concurrently herewith (but under separate cover) in the event that the copies of those figures submitted March 15, 2004 were of poorer quality than the undersigned's file copies. In addition, forwarded herewith are alternative versions of Figs. 1 and 3 which are offered in the event the Examiner finds them to be preferable to the corresponding copies of those figures submitted concurrently herewith (but under separate cover).

The Examiner's objection to the specification is rendered moot by the foregoing amendment.

Claims 13-16 have been cancelled without prejudice. That the claims have been cancelled should not be taken as an indication that Applicants agree with any position taken by the Examiner. Rather, the claims have been cancelled merely to advance prosecution and Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application to pursue any deleted subject matter.

Cancellation of claims 13-16 renders moot all claim objections and rejections.

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This application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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